



Montana Digital Academy Highlights

Timeline

- **July 2009** – Montana Legislature approves \$2M funding to start Montana Digital Academy
- **January and February 2010** - Governing Board Selects Director and Curriculum Director
- **June 2010** – Pilot of first teacher-led courses
- **September 2010** – MTDA opens for student enrollment with 45 courses
- **February 2011** – Credit recovery (MTDA Connect) program launched
- **April 2011** – Montana Legislature approves the 2011-2013 funding: \$2.3 M
- **September 2011** – Full program launched (Original Credit, Credit Recovery, Middle School World Language Pilot)
- **March 2012** – MTDA reaches 10,000 enrollment mark and teacher force reaches 100 Montana teachers
- **November 2012** – Enrollment tops 15,000 since 2010 opening

Enrollment Breakdown by Program for the 2011-2012 School Year

Original Credit	Advanced Placement	Credit Recovery	Middle School Language	Total
2,879	122	3,409	386	6,797
42%	2%	50%	6%	100%

Participation

97% of Montana Public High Schools have participated in the MTDA (**163 out of 168**).

Usage of the MTDA by **Class Size** - AA: 34%, A: 19%, B: 16%, C: 16%

Rural students are accessing the MTDA for original credit courses at higher numbers, and urban students are accessing MTDA for credit recovery courses at higher numbers.

MTDA Curriculum

Original Credit

- For students attempting classes for the first time, directed by an MTDA teacher, traditional academic calendar, Available 24/7 – Asynchronous delivery via Moodle, Montana licensed teachers, local monitoring strongly recommended

Credit Recovery (MTDA Connect)

- For students that have previously been unsuccessful, self-paced, competency-based learning, open entry/open exit, available 24/7, Montana licensed teacher as a coach, local support required

Multi Language Sampler Pilot – Middle School

- Pilot with 500 enrollments in 2012-13, exploratory language program, seven week experience, Spanish, French, German, Latin, and Mandarin Chinese, students sample language and culture to prepare for high school studies

Achievement Data FY 2011-12 (Summer 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

Program Type	Original Credit	Advanced Placement	Credit Recovery
Students Successfully Completing the Course	85%	94%	76%

MTDA Budget/Cost Projections for Biennium

	2010-11 FINAL EXPEND	2011-12 FINAL EXPEND	Projected 2012-13 Budget	Projected 2013-14 Budget	Projected 2014-15 Budget
Final/Projected MTDA Program Costs	\$1,561,209	\$1,493,641	\$1,619,195	\$1,881,175	\$1,918,305
Total/Projected Enrollment	4,060	6,797	7,884	9,224	10,848
Cost Per Enrollment	384.53	219.75	205.38	203.94	176.83

Annual Amount Paid to MTDA Teachers

All MTDA teachers are licensed in Montana.

Year	Amount
2010-11 (74 teachers)	\$620,280
2011-12 (85 teachers)	\$654,407
2012-13 (85 teachers)	\$775,159
3 Year Total	\$2,049,846

Detailed Cost Per Enrollment Data

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Cost Per Enrollment	\$385		\$220		\$205		\$204		\$177	
Cost Per Enrollment Breakdown:										
Original Credit/Original Credit-AP	\$373	97%	\$176	80%	\$158	77%	\$157	75%	\$136	75%
Credit Recovery	\$12	3%	\$37	17%	\$39	19%	\$39	21%	\$34	21%
Middle School Language	N/A	N/A	\$7	3%	\$8	4%	\$8	4%	\$7	4%
	\$385	100%	\$220	100%	\$205	100%	\$204	100%	\$177	100%